

# Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office Of The Governor

WHEREAS, John Merrill Waters has been a loyal citizen of South Dakota since moving to Rapid City in 1948; and,

WHEREAS, John started working for State Radio Communications in April of 1950 in the Rapid City, Pierre and Parker stations. In October, 1953, John was appointed station supervisor at Rapid City and in August, 1983, John took an engineering position in Rapid City; and,

WHEREAS, During his distinguished career, John married Dorothy Warren on April 4, 1945, and they were blessed with four children—John Michael born May 3, 1949; Barbara Diane born January 31, 1953; Beverly Jean born August 16, 1956; and Patricia Renee born July 23, 1964; and,

WHEREAS, John has been active, during his 38-year career with State Radio Communications, having served as a deputy sheriff while in Turner County, assisting volunteer fire departments across the state to obtain two-way radio communications, conducting classes to improve the knowledge and skills of communications technicians and users of the system, as well as being active in many law enforcement organizations, both locally and nationally; and,

WHEREAS, After 38 years of dedicated service to State Radio Communications and having reached the age of 62, John has retired from employment with State Radio on March 31, 1988; and,

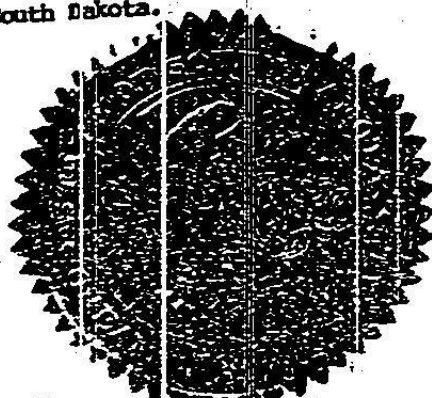
WHEREAS, On April 1, there will be a celebration in Rapid City by family and friends to honor John; and,

WHEREAS, It is fitting and proper for the Governor to make note of the milestones in the lives of exemplary South Dakotans:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE S. MICKELSON, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim April 1, 1988, as

JOHN MERRILL WATERS DAY

in South Dakota.



ATTEST:

*James Hazelton*  
JAMES HAZELTON, SECRETARY OF STATE

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Seventh Day of March, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty-Eight

*George S. Mickelson*  
GEORGE S. MICKELSON, GOVERNOR